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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections in the above-identified application as follows.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests a three month extension of time.

A complete set of claims containing amendments to the claims begins on page 2.

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